

Baptism Of The Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost is given directly by Christ while ministering in the flesh; or by Him as the Eternal Father while in the Spirit. However, His 12 apostles and 12 disciples also had a pivotal role as well.

*1)And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called, and received power and authority **to baptize**, was twelve) and behold, he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying: Blessed are ye **if** ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be your servants; and unto them **I have given power that they may baptize you with water**; and after that ye are baptized with water, behold, **I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost**; therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am. -3 Nephi 12*

We actually do not have the words of the 12 disciples as yet. The Book Of Mormon records that the 12 disciples had not as yet received (baptism of?) the Holy Ghost themselves. Nephi was well aware of how his father, Nephi, and his uncle, Lehi, were baptized with fire and the Holy Ghost while in the Lamanite prison.

*9)And they did pray for that which they **most desired**; and they desired that the Holy Ghost should be given unto them.*
10)And when they had thus prayed they went down unto the water's edge, and the multitude followed them.
11)And it came to pass that Nephi went down into the water and was baptized.
12)And he came up out of the water and began to baptize. And he baptized all those whom Jesus had chosen.
*13)And it came to pass when they were all baptized and had come up out of the water, **the Holy Ghost did fall upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost and with fire**... -3 Nephi 19*

God then re-appeared in the flesh as Christ and says:

*20)Father, I thank thee that **thou hast given the Holy Ghost** unto these whom I have chosen; and it is because of their belief in me that I have chosen them out of the world.*
*21)Father, I pray thee that thou wilt give the Holy Ghost unto **all them that shall believe in their words**. -3 Nephi 19*

14)And it came to pass... the disciples of Jesus, whom he had chosen, had all gone to the paradise of God, save it were the three who should tarry; and there were **other disciples ordained in their stead**; and also many of that generation had passed away. 4 Nephi

The Lehite civilization were all members of the true church for about 200 years, but they regressed into wickedness. However the 3 remaining disciples (evidentially the 9 replacements were not again replenished the second time except for Mormon, and maybe Moroni) still continued to minister for those considered righteous. I would categorize those upon whom the Holy Ghost fell were at this point as the few remaining worthy of the company of the three disciples. However, the wickedness increased, and the three were taken away.

13)But wickedness did prevail upon the face of the whole land, insomuch that **the Lord did take away his beloved disciples, and the work of miracles and of healing did cease** because of the iniquity of the people. -Mormon 1

After the three were taken away spiritual manifestations stopped. As righteous as the Lehtes were for 200 years it seems that **miracles are only noted in the Book Of Mormon in relation to the disciples**. No miracles, etc., were attributed to **any other person**. However, Mormon tells us he had the three minister to him. He eventually became the lone disciple.

13)Behold, **I am a disciple** of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; I have been called **of Him** to declare His word among His people, that they might have everlasting life. -3 Nephi 5

The Holy Ghost was not given except by the Father from heaven, the presence of Christ in the flesh, or by those called to be His apostles and disciples. There is no other instance(s) that I am aware of where the Holy Ghost was given by anyone other than Christ (the Father and the Son) or the disciples **after** His resurrection.

1)The words of Christ, which he spake unto his disciples, the twelve whom **he had chosen**, as he laid his hands upon them-

2)And he called them by name, saying: Ye shall call on the Father in my name, in mighty prayer; and after ye have done this **ye shall have power that to him upon whom ye shall lay your hands, ye shall give the Holy Ghost**; and in my name shall ye give it, for thus do mine apostles.

3)Now Christ spake these words unto them at the time of his first appearing; and the multitude heard it not, but the disciples heard it; and **on as many as they laid their hands, fell the Holy Ghost**. -Moroni 2

No one else is mentioned in the Book Of Mormon as laying on hands for giving the Holy Ghost after Christ's appearance except bona fide disciples (there is an instance of Alma clapping his hands upon the Zoramite missionaries). IMO the same pattern is in the New Testament.

14) Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

15) Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16) (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

17) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
-Acts 8

In the Book Of Mormon there is a requirement noted to be counted a member of the true church of Christ. IMO the three disciples were operative in this process.

4) And after they had been received unto baptism, and were wrought upon and cleansed by the power of the Holy Ghost, they were numbered among the people of the church of Christ... -Moroni 6

What does that say for our time? Have you ever pondered this scripture about the three disciples?

31) Therefore, great and marvelous works shall be wrought by them, before the great and coming day when all people must surely stand before the judgment-seat of Christ;

32) Yea even among the Gentiles shall there be a great and marvelous work wrought by them, before that judgment day.

33) And if ye had all the scriptures which give an account of all the marvelous works of Christ, ye would, according to the words of Christ, know that these things must surely come.

34) And wo be unto him that will not hearken unto the words of Jesus, and also to them whom he hath chosen and sent among them; for whoso receiveth not the words of Jesus and the words of those whom he hath sent receiveth not him; and therefore he will not receive them at the last day;

35) And it would be better for them if they had not been born. For do ye suppose that ye can get rid of the justice of an offended God, who hath been trampled under feet of men, that thereby salvation might come? -3 Nephi 29

Let's look at two more scriptures with this post from the Book Of Mormon.

17)And it came to pass after I, Nephi, having heard all the words of my father, concerning the things which he saw in a vision, and also the things which he spake by the power of the Holy Ghost, which power he received by faith on the Son of God-and the Son of God was the Messiah who should come-I, Nephi, was desirous also that I might see, and hear, and know of these things, by the power of the Holy Ghost, which is the gift of God unto all those who diligently seek him, as well in times of old as in the time that he should manifest himself unto the children of men.

18)For he is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever; and the way is prepared for all men from the foundation of the world, if it so be that they repent and come unto him.

19)For he that diligently seeketh shall find; and the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto them, by the power of the Holy Ghost, as well in these times as in times of old, and as well in times of old as in times to come; wherefore, the course of the Lord is one eternal round.

20)Therefore remember, O man, for all thy doings thou shalt be brought into judgment.

21)Wherefore, if ye have sought to do wickedly in the days of your probation, then ye are found unclean before the judgment-seat of God; and no unclean thing can dwell with God; wherefore, ye must be cast off forever.

22)And the Holy Ghost giveth authority that I should speak these things, and deny them not. -1 Nephi 10

22)Yea, he that repenteth and exerciseth faith, and bringeth forth good works, and prayeth continually without ceasing-unto such it is given to know the mysteries of God; yea, unto such it shall be given to reveal things which never have been revealed... -Alma 26

Shall we not come unto Christ with full purpose and intent of heart? Shall we not prepare for the three disciples to minister again? Shall we not believe their words when they minister rather than deniers from LDS priestcraft or other jealous so-called Christians?